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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Competition keeps our providers in check. My MBA class (Trinity College Dublin) taught me that the key to success in business is to create a monopoly in your industry. Yes, they teach this all over the world in capitalistic societies! It's perfectly logical for these companies to try and attain this, right? That's exactly why you, the FCC exist though, so that these monopolistic-leaning companies don't take advantage of us consumers.

Personally I've been the victim of unexpected and major price hikes at both my phone company (AT&T) and Cable/Internet providers (Comcast/DirectTV/CenturyLink). The only thing that kept each of them from pushing our costs beyond reach was the fact that I could shop and find better pricing. Unfortunately I really only have 2 choices when it comes to cable/internet, which absolutely limits competitive pricing. It's absolutely amazing to me that there aren't more competitors in such a lucrative market.

The MBA also taught me that competition keeps quality of service high. I don't need to teach an economics class here to explain why this works, but suffice it to say, it is 100% GOOD to encourage more competition. Please help us out as consumers.

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